Sub: Recovery of misuse/damages charges as per the revised conversion policy – regarding.

As per the revised conversion policy introduced in August 2003, misuse and damage charges are to be recovered before allowing the conversion, irrespective of whether the amount was earlier demanded or not. Now, some Sections have sought clarification as to whether the misuse and damages charges are to be recovered even after receipt of the conversion application and if so, the date up to which such charges are to be recovered. In this connection, it may be clarified that the very purpose of amending the conversion policy to provide for recovery of damages and misuse charges before allowing the conversion is to avoid loss to the government on account of delay in finalizing and raising the demands in respect of various breaches. In view of the revised policy the up-to-date damages and misuse charges are to be recovered irrespective of whether conversion applications have been submitted or not. Regarding the date up to which such charges are to be recovered, it has been decided that such charges may be demanded as in the cases where no conversion application has been received i.e. if the demand notice is issued between the period from January to June, the misuse and damages charges are to be demanded up to the succeeding 14th July, whereas if the demand is issued between July to December, the charges are to be demanded up to the succeeding 14th January irrespective of whether the full conversion fee has been paid with the conversion application or not.

2. However, all Sections dealing with the conversion cases and Technical Section should ensure that the damages/misuse charges are calculated on priority basis and that demand notice is issued within the stipulated period and delay in this regard would be viewed seriously and action would be taken against the persons responsible for such delays.

This issues with the approval of Land & Development Officer.

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Public Relation Officer

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All Officers and Sections.